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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

(Chairman—H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq.

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A. P. MCLEWEN, Esq. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

A. MOYER, Esq. Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 25, 1882.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 29th July, 1882, at Noon, at his Sales

Rooms, Queen's Road,—

(Under Bill of Sale),

THE BALANCE OF THE STOCK-IN-TRADE

of

Messrs NOOR MAHOMED KHAMSA & Co.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 25, 1882.

POSTPONEMENT.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE following PROPERTIES will be

SOLD by the Undersigned by Public

Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 2nd August, 1882, at 3 p.m., on the

Premises.—

(IN SIX SEPARATE LOTS.)

1st Lot.—ONE HOUSE in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, No. 147<sup>th</sup>, Registered as the

REMAINING PORTION of SECTION

G of MARINE LOT No. 63.

2nd Lot.—ONE HOUSE in BOWMAN STRAND, No. 117, Registered as SECTION A of

MARINE LOT No. 161.

3rd Lot.—ONE HOUSE in QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, No. 60, Registered as SUBSECTION No. 1, of SECTION A of IN-

LAND LOT 366.

4th Lot.—ONE HOUSE in WEST STREET, Tai-ping-shan, No. 41, Registered as IN-

LAND LOT 223, (Section).

5th Lot.—ONE HOUSE in NEW WEST STREET, Tai-ping-shan, No. 53, Lot 224, (Section).

6th Lot.—THREE HOUSES in SQUARE STREET, Tai-ping-shan, Nos. 58, 60 & 62, Registered as INLAND LOT No. 278.

For further Particulars and Conditions

of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 28, 1882.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF VERY HANDSOME AND VALUABLE

ENGLISH, AMERICAN AND

SHANGHAI-MADE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE, MIRRORS,

PAINTINGS, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 4th August, 1882, at 2 p.m., at No. 2,

GAGE STREET,—

The whole of the

VERY HANDSOME AND VALUABLE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

comprising:—

SILK and WOOL COVERED DRAWING-ROOM

SUITE; COTTAGE PIANO, by SCHWABE;

VERY HANDSOME BRUSSELS CAR-

PETS, quite new; LARGE GILT MANTLE

MIRRORS, BOMBAY CARVED WATSON, MABLE-

TOP TABLE, ENGLISH-MADE CHIPPENDALE

PLATE-GLASS BACK AND DOORS, WATER

COLORS, OIL PAINTINGS, CHROMOS, EN-

GRAVINGS.

SATUMA and YEDDO VASES, STATUETTES,

ORNAMENTS, CRYSTAL and BRONZE GAZA-

LLERS, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

MESSES C. J. HAMBRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed

Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on

application, grants Drafts and Credits on

all parts of the World, and transacts every

Description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COUHINARD,

Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS:

BANK OF ENGLAND.

UNION BANK OF LONDON.

BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.

" " 6 " 4 1/2 " "

" " 12 " 5 % "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which

may be learnt on application.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

INSURANCES.

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. CO.

having been appointed Agents for the

above Company, the Undersigned is

prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at

Current Rates and usual Discounts.

B. J. H. TRIPP,

Agent, M. B. M. & S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above

Company, are authorized to insure

against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm CHASED on the 30th April, 1882.

REISS & Co.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

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Auctions.

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REMAINING PORTION of SECTION

## For Sale.

**MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.**  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONERS),  
ARE NOW LANDING, EX  
BRITISH BARQUE  
"STILLWATER."

**DEVOE'S NONPARIEL**  
**BRILLIANT**  
**KEROSINE OIL,**  
150° test.

**SPARTAN COOKING**  
STOVES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES.

OAKUM.

TAR.

TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MAIL."

CALIFORNIA

RACKER

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb.  
tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS  
CUITS.

Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.

Ginger CAKES.

Soda BISCUITS.

Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER.

Eastern and California CHEESE.

Boneless CODFISH.

PRIMO HAMS and BACON.

Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.

PICKLED OX TONGUES.

Family PIG DICKINSON in 5 lb. cans.

Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb. cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb. cans.

Associated United VEGETABLES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

"Lunch TONGUE."

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.

Giant CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 24 lb. cans.

&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,  
including:

TEYSSONNAUD's DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICTIC TONGUES.

COOCOTINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIEBIG's & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

SAUSAGES.

BRAWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HEDDICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE  
SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

1864 GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACCOONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACCOONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUROCHER & Co.'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.

ROYAL GLENDEFENDER WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURAOAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKEN'S and ORANGE  
BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. RUBKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by  
the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S .

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 and 10 cent Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to  
25 cents.

MILLER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at  
Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

## Mails.

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND  
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,  
VIA  
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING  
STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "COPTIC" will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on SATURDAY, the 25th July, 1882, at  
noon.

Connection being made at Yokohama,  
with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked  
to address in full; and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

A REDUCTION of 25% made on all  
RETURN PASSAGE ORDERS ISSUED.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo, should be sent to the Company's  
Office addressed to the Collector of Customs  
at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

E. F. FOSTER,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 15, 1882.

## Insurances.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:  
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Marens Department.  
Policies at current rates, payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.**  
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

## Intimations.

**NEWS FOR HOME.**  
(The latest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE  
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-  
printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from  
the Daily *China Mail*, is published  
twice a month on the morning of the  
English Mail's departure, and is a record  
of each fortnight's current history  
of events in China and Japan, contributed  
in original reports and collated from  
the journals published at the various  
ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,  
Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete  
Commercial Summary.

Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage  
paid 52 cents) \$12 per annum (postage  
paid \$12.50).

Orders should be sent to G. Murray  
BAIN, China Mail Office, 2, Wyndham  
Street, later than noon of the day the  
English Mail Steamer leaves.

Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily  
China Mail.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or  
PAPER will be thankfully received  
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.

The Steamship "Hailbowy,"

Capt. F. Ashton, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on TUESDAY, the 1st August, at  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, July 28, 1882.

FOR BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MEL-  
BOURNE, VIA FOOCHOW.

The Eastern and Aus-  
tralian Steamship Co.'s  
Steamer "Catterline."

Captain BINSTED, is Unavoidably POST-  
PONED, and will be despatched as above  
on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd August, at  
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 28, 1882.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND  
ADELAIDE, VIA SINGAPORE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-  
SLAND PORTS, and taking through  
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALE-  
DONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Aus-  
tralian Steamship Co.'s  
Chartered Steamer "Monar."

Captain ELLIS, will be despatched as above  
on FRIDAY, the 4th August, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

# THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 5937.—JULY 28, 1882.

sulphur, tin, copper and other monopolies of the Chinese Government, coupled with the peculiar facilities which the topographical situation of a free port like Hongkong offered for smuggling operations, brought it about that the Chinese trade of Hongkong, as carried on by our Chinese merchants exclusively, was to a great extent based on direct or indirect smuggling operations.

We are very sorry to learn from the *N.-C. Daily News*, and from private letters as well, that there are reasons for fearing the coming of a partial famine in the provinces of Chihi, Shantung, Kiangsu and Kiangsi. In the northern provinces, in Chihi, more particularly, very little rain has fallen, and away from the shrunken rivers and exhausted streams, very little corn, millet, fruit, or vegetables will be produced. The dearth covers a wide stretch, and there is reason for dreading that even if rain now falls, the autumn crops are past recovery. In the Liang-kiang the case, though different, is very distressing, and proves that extremes sometimes meet in a calamitous sense. The rain there has been continuous, the rivers and creeks are in overflow, and the fields are covered deeply with water. The damage done is vast, and we grieve to say, is regarded as beyond repair during this year. Even if favourable rains fall in Chihi, and Shantung in time to do some good to the autumn crops, these two provinces will be obliged to a very large extent to depend on importations of grain; and as both Chihi and Shantung are poor, great misery must follow them during the coming winter and following spring. The Liang-kiang, whose grounds generally are as fertile as the fields of Egypt, will also have to depend on importations of food. The cotton crops are also, we hear, much injured. We very much regret to have to give currency to such melancholy accounts, especially so soon after the terrible ravages in these provinces by the same means.

About four months since the *London and China Express* printed a letter signed "O. W. K." in which the *North China Daily News*, and one of its correspondents in particular, was accused of disseminating false or exaggerated rumours about the probabilities of war between China and Japan. In reply to this delicate insinuation the Shanghai paper stated that no rumours of the nature imputed had been printed, and that the *North-China Daily News* had not, in past or present times, any contributor who had sent questionable, or alarming, or unauthentic news, for its columns. In the *L. & C. Express* received by last mail, "O. W. K." returns to the charge, and asserts, in a vague way, that his first accusations were well founded. As we in Hongkong depend, in a great measure, upon the *N.-C. Daily News* for intelligence from Pekin and Tientsin, we feel constrained to bear testimony that the Shanghai journal to which we refer, is singularly free from exaggerated or untrue accounts of affairs, and, on the contrary, gives full, correct, and well-written accounts of politics and occurrences at the Northern Ports. We do not recollect seeing any reference to current rumours that had no subsequent justification, and the recent alarming reports about the affairs of Russia and China, whose truth has not yet been made manifest, did not appear in the *N.-C. Daily News*, but in an evening paper published at Shanghai. We can also bear witness to the value of the Northern correspondence of the *N.-C. Daily News*, as is evidenced by the fact that we, in common with our morning contemporaries, generally reprint the letters sent to Shanghai from Peking and Tientsin, as our readers find the clear and well-written accounts of Northern affairs there given both useful and interesting. It is just possible that "O. W. K." has missed his mark this time, and may express a hope that, when next he endeavours thus to give a different colour to political events in this quarter of the world, he may succeed better.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]  
(Per M. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

ENGLAND WILL ACT ALONE IN EGYPT.  
LONDON, July 27.

Mr Gladstone has announced that Turkish intervention is hopeless, and that in default of European co-operation England must act alone.

SURRENDER OF THE MURDERER OF LORD FREDERICK CAVENDISH.  
LONDON, July 27.

The murderer of Lord Frederick Cavendish has voluntarily surrendered.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE NEXT AMERICAN MAIL per the P. M. str. City of Tokio may be expected to arrive here to-morrow the 29th instant. Her dates from San Francisco are up to the 1st instant.

ORDER OF SERVICE AT THE UNION CHURCH—JULY 30TH.

Hymn 427, Tune, page 183; Hymn 168, Tune page 76; Hymn 150, Tune, page 62; Hymn 450, Tune, page 201.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 8.40 p.m. yesterday.

The repair to the Saigon-Singapore cable have been completed, and the line is now working well.

It will be observed that Mr. E. H. Parker, of H. M. Consular Service in China, has been called to the bar by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Russell & Co.) that the Unionline steamer *Lord of the Isles*, left Singapore for this

port on Tuesday, the 25th inst., and may be expected to arrive on the 31st.

CAPT. Webber late of the S.S. Ocean, and now in command of the R. M. S. Zealandia, has just made the fastest passage on record between Frisco and Sydney, viz. 23 days 11 hours. He has been very handsomely complimented upon it (by telegram) by his owners Messrs John Elder & Co., Scotland.

The *Singapore Times* learns that a gentleman has arrived from Australia to launch a Company in the Singapore and Hongkong share markets, there being peculiar features in connection with it which cause its being first introduced here (Singapore). Our readers may expect to see the scheme in a few days in our columns. The details are said to be all complete, and the project only waits some necessary telegraphic communication between this and Hongkong and Australia before it is put forth to the public.

The ordinary monthly tea meeting of the Royal Naval Temperance Society was held, as previously, in the Temperance Hall yesterday evening. A fair number of the members partook of a substantial tea. An entertainment followed, which attracted a good audience. The programme was as follows:—*Musical Miscellany*—Mr. W. Gobourne efficiently assisting with the *Piano*. The whole of the entertainment was well rendered, and a very pleasant time was spent by those present. We learn that this society is working with much success amongst the soldiers and merchant seamen.

The jinrikisha coolie who was charged with being concerned in robbing James Gordon, chief officer of the British barque *Archies*, of a gold watch of the value of \$50 on the night of the 11th instant was discharged to-day, the complainant not being present.

We reported the circumstances of the case as stated by Gordon when the case was first before the Court, and no further evidence had been produced to prove the coolie's guilt. Inspector Baker had been told by the complainant that he could not bring forward any witness to show that he had been wearing a watch.

SOME ridiculous rumours have been in circulation to-day concerning a steamer having come to grief in the Suez Canal; but as there appears to be no foundation whatever for the report, it may be safely set down as a canard. Not a little anxiety, however, is felt regarding the safety of the steamer *Moskva* and *Fleur Castle*, which vessels have not been heard of for a long time. The *Moskva*, we understand, left Singapore for Odessa, tea-laden, on the 6th of June, and as no tidings appear to have been heard of her since that time, it is feared that some accident must have befallen the vessel. It is believed that Mr Evans (of Messrs Reid, Evans & Co.) was a passenger on board. The *Fleur Castle* left Singapore for Foochow, and no news has since been received of her, either as having passed through the Canal or having called elsewhere. Further news is anxiously looked for.

THE steamship *Ararat Apur* which left here on the 20th instant for Singapore, after having been repaired, returned to harbour this morning with her machinery greatly damaged. The accident occurred after she had been three days out, but fortunately she was able to make her way back to Hongkong without assistance. We understand that she will have to be detained for some time before the damage can be made good. The Chairman invited questions, Mr George said it would be considered advisable to give any further information as to the letting of the hotel.

The Chairman said that at present they were just commanding. They had taken the initiative by getting plans and photographs of the building prepared, and they would furnish every particular with the view of eliciting the very best offers. But of course it took time to communicate with America and other parts of the world where they hoped to get some one who would be able to make a better offer than the present one. They were waiting to see the result of these negotiations. He might mention that the present lessees were invited first of all, giving them the preference, to see if they would treat with the Company upon a liberal basis. The lessees talked off by saying there was plenty of time. The Company however were not to be placed in such a position as to force them at the last moment to go to the lessees and accept the terms dictated.

He (the Chairman) proposed the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts for the half year.

Mr Rose seconded, and the motion was carried.

On the motion of Mr Vaucher seconded by Mr Taylor, Messrs Hughes and James were unanimously re-elected as Directors.

Mr Vaucher proposed, and Mr Morgan seconded, that the appointment of Mr D. McCulloch as Director in room of Mr C. H. Howell Jun. should be confirmed, which was agreed to.

The auditors, Mr A. E. Vaucher and Mr T. Arnold, were re-elected on the motion of Mr McCulloch, seconded by Mr H. G. James.

The Chairman was happy to inform them that the dividend warrants were now at their disposal. They were payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on presentation.

Mr W. M. Morgan said—Gentlemen, before you propose a vote of thanks to the Chairman I wish to say that the report is most admirable. There is nothing in the interests of the shareholders which the Directors have omitted. You recalled that on a former occasion one of the former Directors said that when they left the Board of Directors, and a new board was elected, you would be landed in a sea of misfortune. I only trust that at the next meeting you will land in the same sea of misfortune, and I am sure that such shears and stockingers you will be able to walk through that mire without soiling your feet (applause).

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the meeting.

THE THAMES-STEET INDUSTRIES, by Petty Russell. This Illustrated Pamphlet on Furniture, &c., published at £1, may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in general mercery in the World, or JOHN CONNELL & CO., London.—[A.P.T.]

bear a sudden strain, it would lift a heavy weight. He did not think that any blame could be attached to the master of the junk. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon, before the Coroner, Mr H. E. Wodehouse, and a jury composed of the following gentlemen, Messrs H. W. Hambling, V. A. P. Collocott, and J. B. Elms, touching the death of Fung Chui Sing. The body of the deceased was taken to the Hospital yesterday where Dr Stockwell examined it, and found an indentation about half an inch in breadth round the neck. The body was very much decomposed, but Dr Stockwell was of opinion, in the absence of any other evidence, that death had been caused by strangulation. From the evidence given it seemed that the deceased had been a jinrikisha coolie and had lived with eleven others on the first floor of the house situated at No. 1, Kai Ming Lane. He was known to be an opium smoker and gambler, and very much inclined. He had not done any work for two days previous to the 20th, on the evening of which day two of the other occupants of the house on returning from their work found the door of their room fastened from the inside. They forced an entrance, and on going into the cook house, which led off their room, they discovered the deceased suspended by the neck from one of the beams. He was quite dead. The body was cut down, and the matter reported to the Registrar General and the corpse afterwards removed to new account, thus making ample provision for the outlay referred to below.

The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the usual Statement of Account for the half-year ending 30th June last.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premium of insurance, repairs, and all other outgoings, there remains, including the sum of \$13,008.00 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$103,097.43 at credit of Profit and Loss Account. From this sum, the Directors recommend that \$30,000, or 5 per cent. on the Capital, be paid as dividend for the half-year, that \$5,000 be written off Machinery Account, that \$15,000 be placed at credit of Depreciation Fund, and that \$2,750 be appropriated as Directors' and Auditors' fees, leaving a balance of \$50,347.43 to be carried forward to new account, thus making ample provision for the outlay referred to below.

Advices from the Company's Agents confirm the report given in the public papers of the successful trial trip of the steamer built on the Clyde, which has been named the *Hannan*. It is to be regretted, however, that owing to adverse circumstances, the builders delayed the completion of the vessel for two months beyond the contract time. She started on her voyage on the 4th June, and having left Aden on the 12th instant, was compelled to return to the port on the 15th. Correspondence is now going on with a view to establish a claim against builders for retarded delivery of the steamer.

After arrival of the *Hannan*, it will be necessary to lay up the *White-Cloud* to receive her and make arrangements for her loading. The boilers of the *Portion* and *Kintang* also require an overhaul. The cost of these repairs, it is estimated, will amount to \$80,000, and will be covered by the amount proposed to be carried forward to new account as mentioned above.

The steamers *Kiung-chou* and *Yot-sai*, trading in these waters, being offered for sale, the Directors, after mature consideration, have purchased them for the sum of \$55,000. In order to give a day and night departure from each end of the route every week day, and thus fully meet the convenience of travellers or the requirements of shippers, the *Kiung-chou* is kept on the Hongkong-Canton line on joint account with the China Navigation Company. The *White-Cloud* is plying daily between Hongkong and Macao being considered quite sufficient for the existing traffic between the two ports, the *Yot-sai* will be withdrawn from that line, and is being fitted out to run between Canton and Macao in lieu of the *Spank*.

In accordance with the articles of association, the Honourable E. R. Bellairs and Mr A. McIver retire from the Board by rotation, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs L. Hausefield and T. Arnold, the latter was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy caused by the decease of Mr Henry Smith. The retiring Auditors offer themselves for re-election.

E. R. BRALIOS, Chairman.

Hongkong, 25th July, 1882.

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SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir G. Phillipps, Chief Justice.)

Friday, July 28.

CHONG KEE v. CHO SIK CHUO.

Mr Baily, instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared for the plaintiff. The defendant did not appear.

This suit was brought by the plaintiff for the recovery of \$5,600 as damages for the breach of a contract on the part of the defendant to purchase from the plaintiff the shop No. 8 Wellington Street for \$13,500. A writ of foreign attachment was issued by the plaintiff in June last. In the petition of the plaintiff it was set forth that the plaintiff was compradore to the Hongkong Club, and the defendant was formerly a trader residing in Hongkong, present residence unknown. On or about the 31st August the defendant entered into an agreement to purchase from the plaintiff the shop No. 8 Wellington Street, the purchase to be completed within four months from the date of agreement. The defendant had paid \$1,000 as bargain money and part payment. The plaintiff prayed that it might be decreed that the defendant pay to him, by way of damages for breach of contract, the sum of \$5,500, together with interest thereon at the rate of 12 per cent. Mr Baily explained that previous to the proceedings in the present suit, the plaintiff had commenced a suit for specific performance against defendant, but subsequently he decided to abandon that action in pursuance of an order of the Court, allowing him to take action for breach of contract, provided that all the defendant's expenses were paid by the plaintiff. The plaintiff's solicitors had written to the defendant telling him that unless the balance of the purchase money was paid within fourteen days the property would be put up to auction, and any loss on the sale would be claimed from him. No reply was received to that letter, and on the plaintiff's solicitors wrote to the defendant telling him that unless the balance of the purchase money was paid within fourteen days the property would be put up to auction, and any loss on the sale would be claimed from him. 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